

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original) A method of treating a structure, characterized in that it consists:

- in producing an initial structure (11; 101; 201) comprising at least a main part and a secondary part, which have a mutual contact interface, and means formed from at least one region to be treated (20; 106; 206), which can vary in thickness approximately perpendicular to this interface due to the effect of a treatment of the material forming said region; and
- in applying this treatment to said region to be treated of said initial structure so as to produce a final structure (12; 102; 202) such that the variation in thickness of said region causes the formation of an internal space (25; 109; 209) extending between said parts over at least one zone of said interface and approximately parallel to this interface or on the inside of at least one of said parts, some distance from and approximately parallel to said interface.

2. (original) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said means (20) formed from at least one region to be treated are integrated into said main part and/or into said secondary part.

3. (original) A method for treating a structure, characterized in that it consists:

- in producing an initial structure (11) comprising at least a main part (13) and a secondary part (21), which have a